

The Landscape of My Beginnings
A Boy's Diary

Chapter 3

The Day I Saw Rikidozan
on Street TV

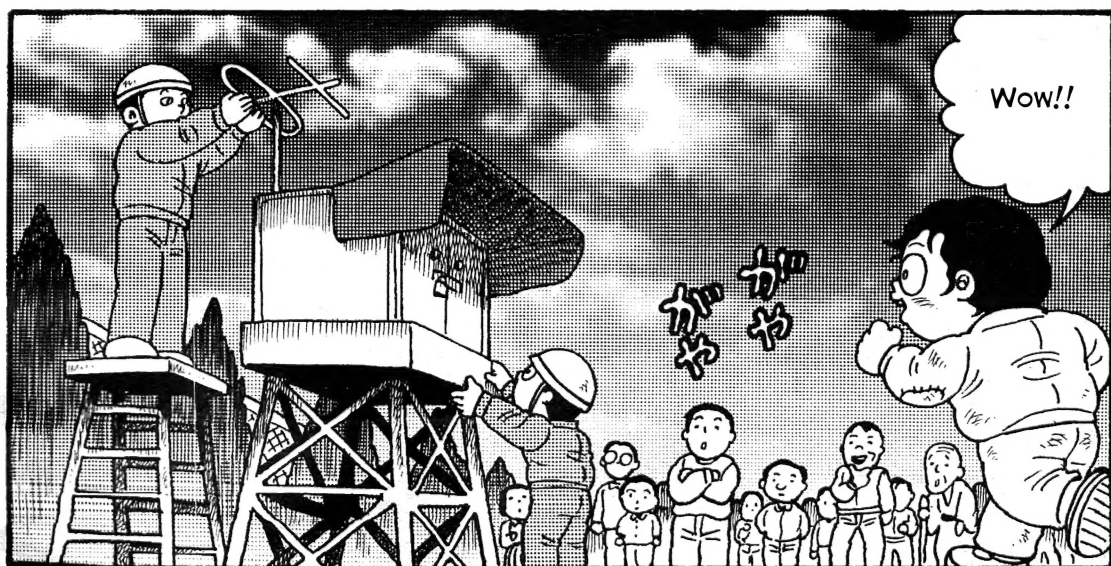
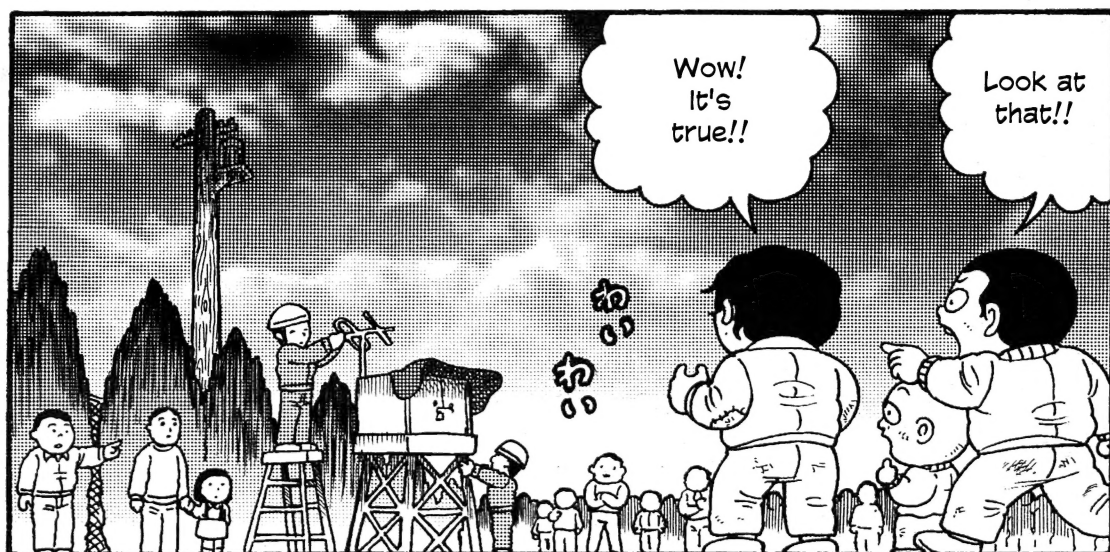
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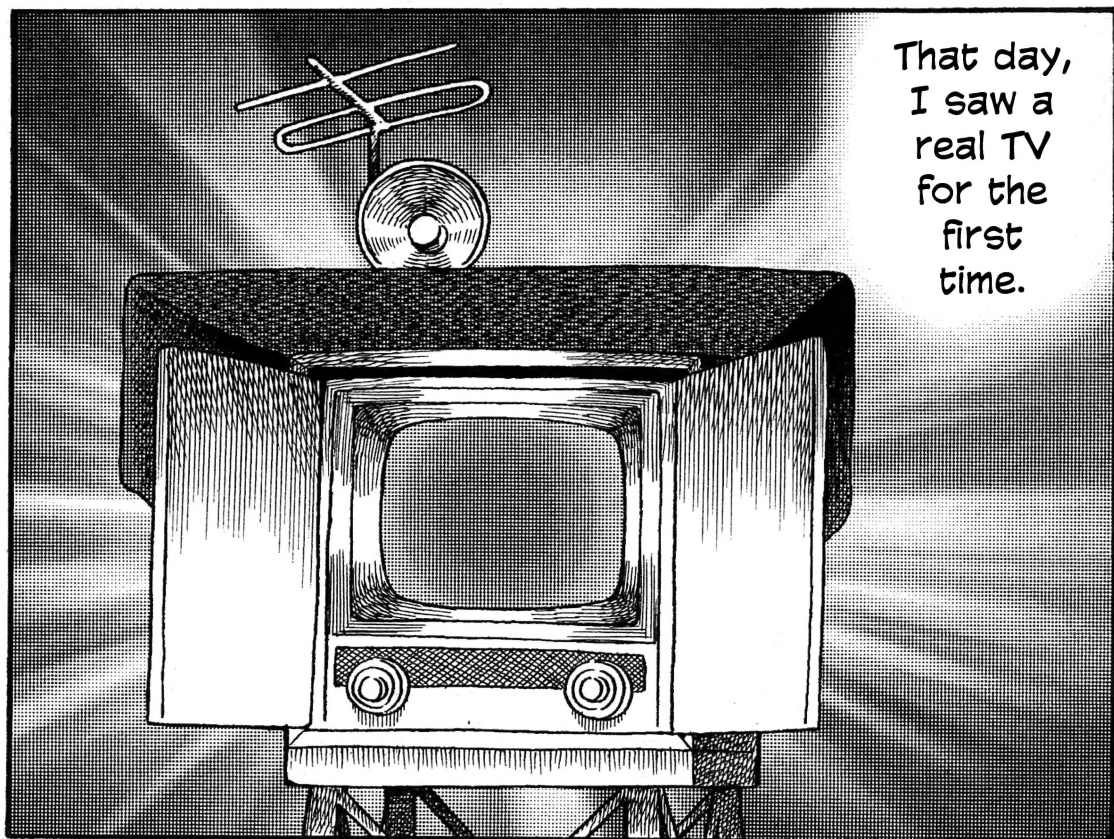
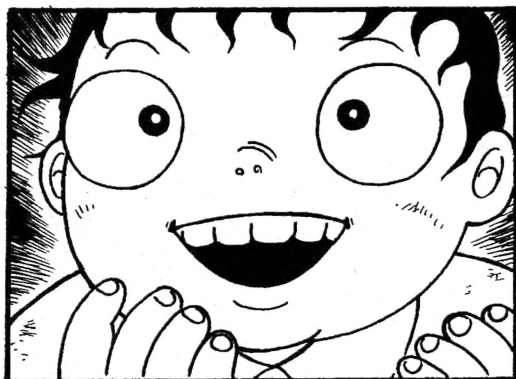
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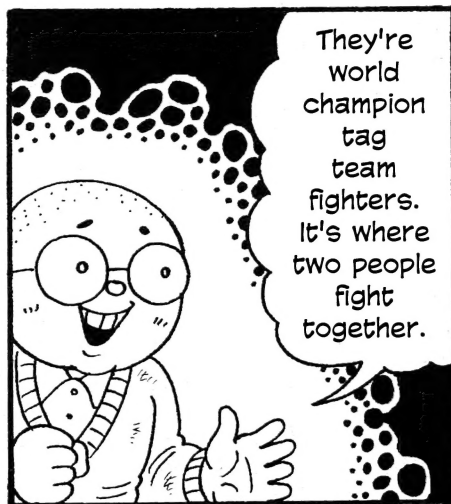
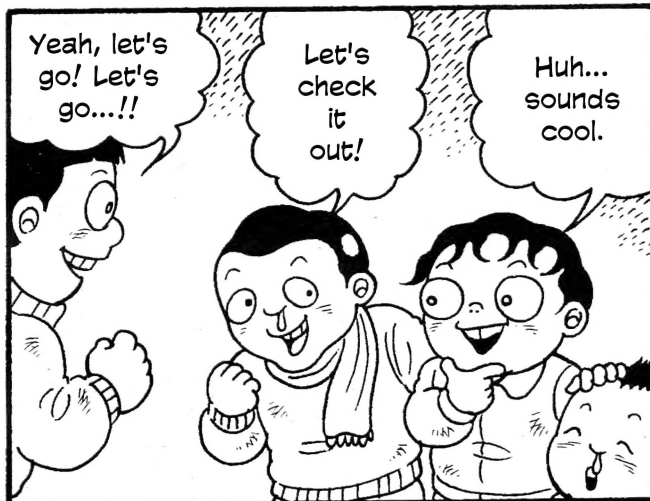
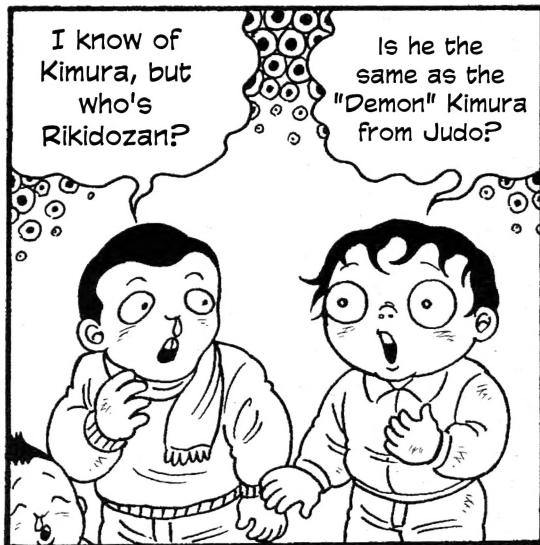
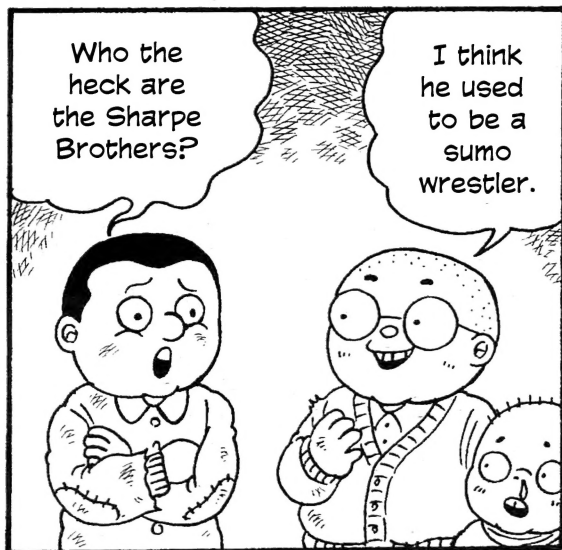
January
10th,
Today a
Street
TV was
installed
in our
town's
park.

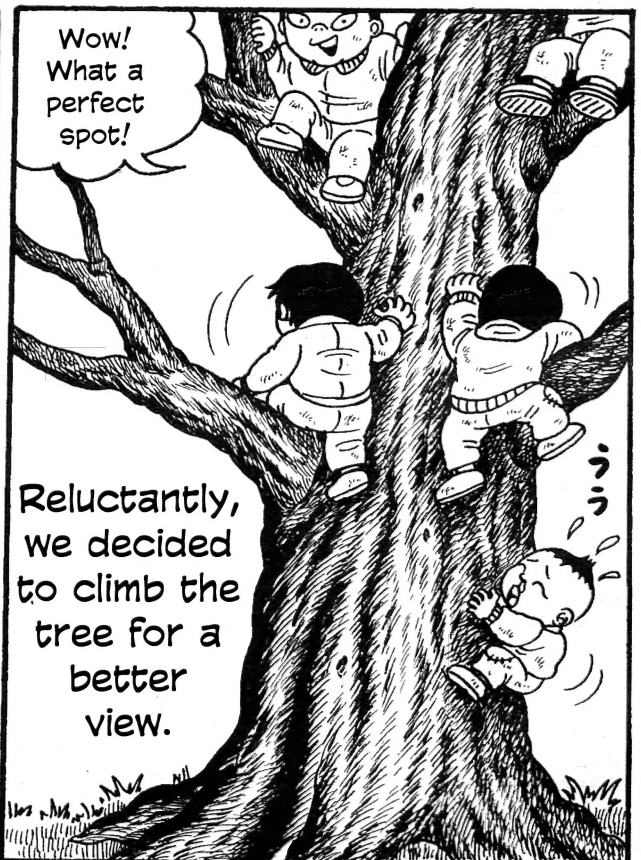
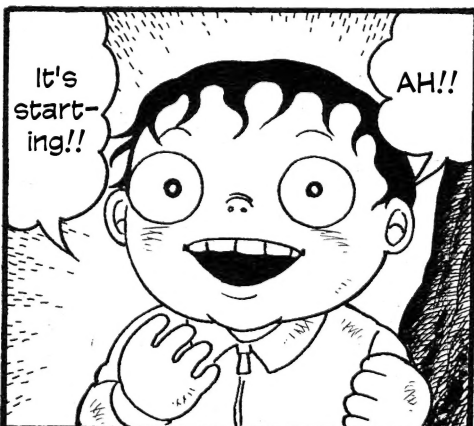
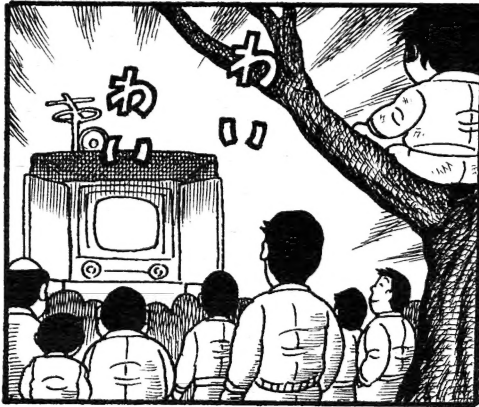
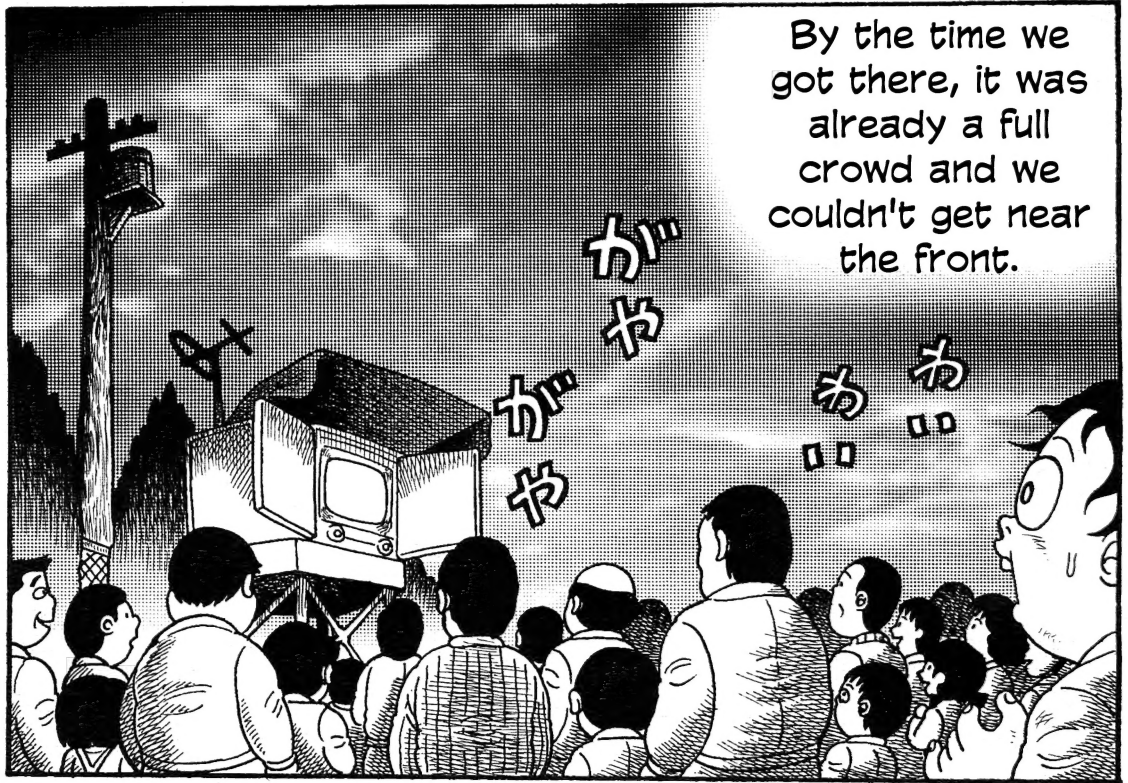


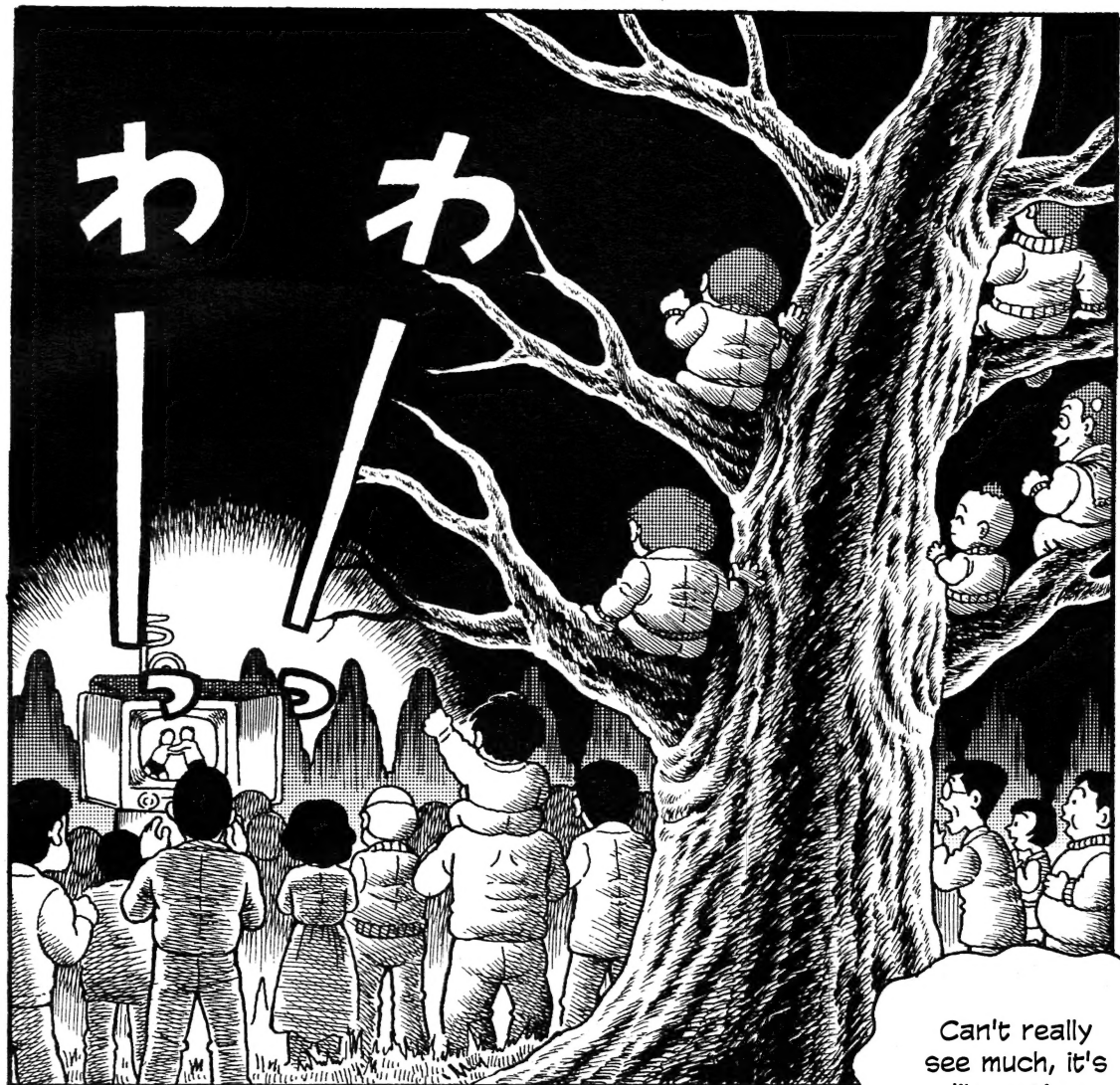




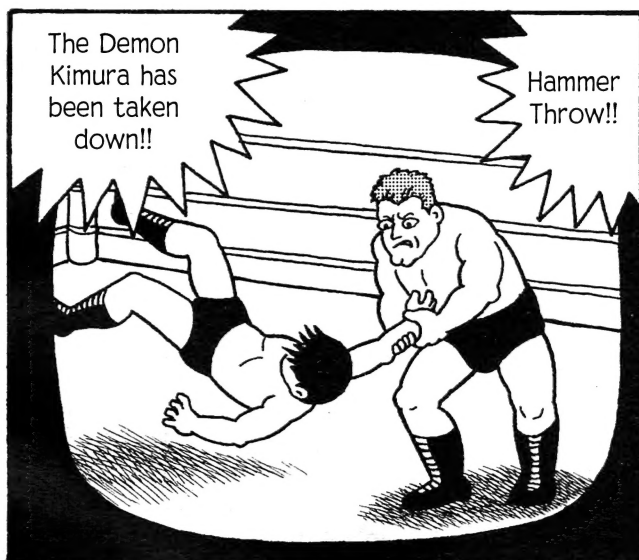
On February 19th, I saw pro wrestling for the first time on a Street TV. It was a tag team match between Rikidozan & Kimura versus the Sharpe Brothers.





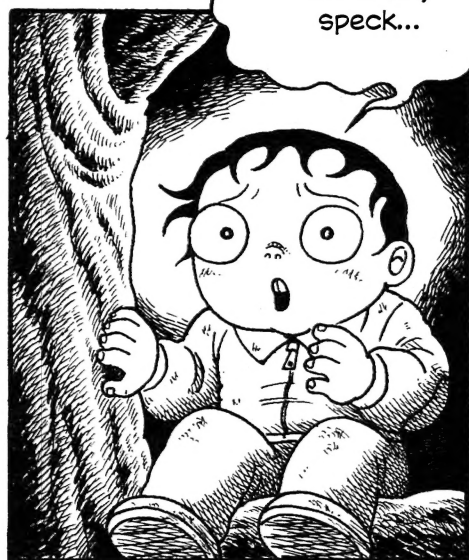


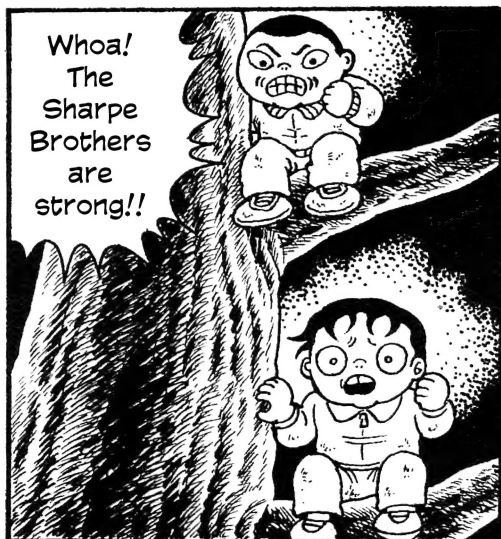
Can't really see much, it's like a tiny speck...



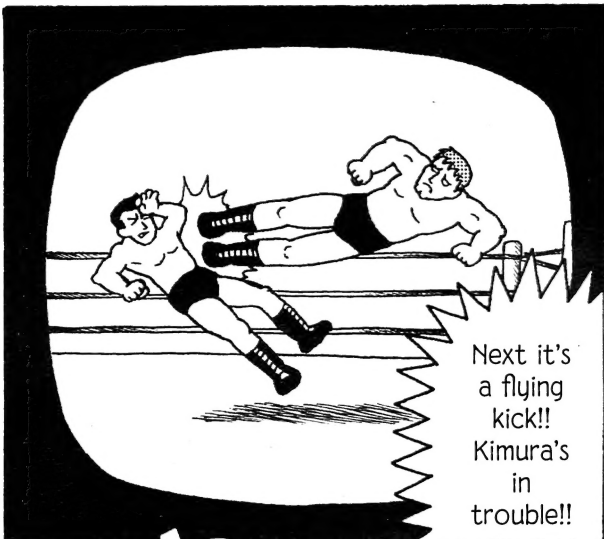
The Demon Kimura has been taken down!!

Hammer Throw!!





Whoa!
The
Sharpe
Brothers
are
strong!!

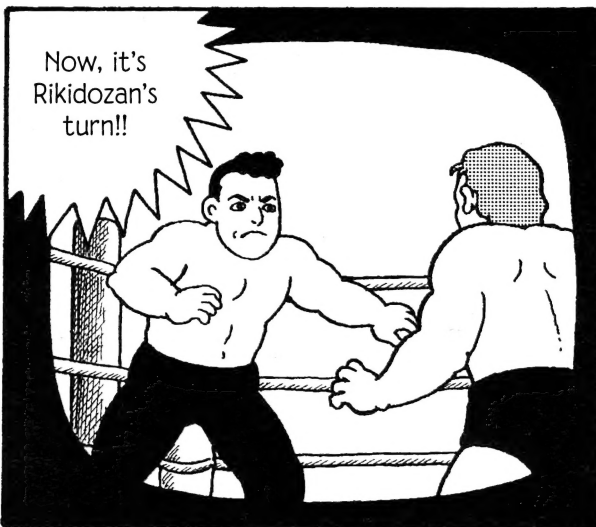


Next it's
a flying
kick!!
Kimura's
in
trouble!!

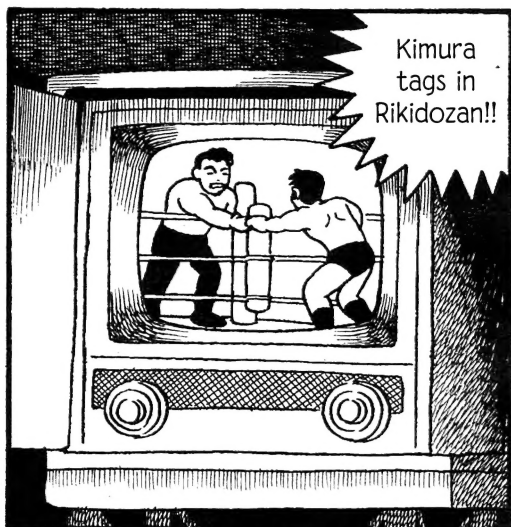


Kimura
is in a
total
daze!!

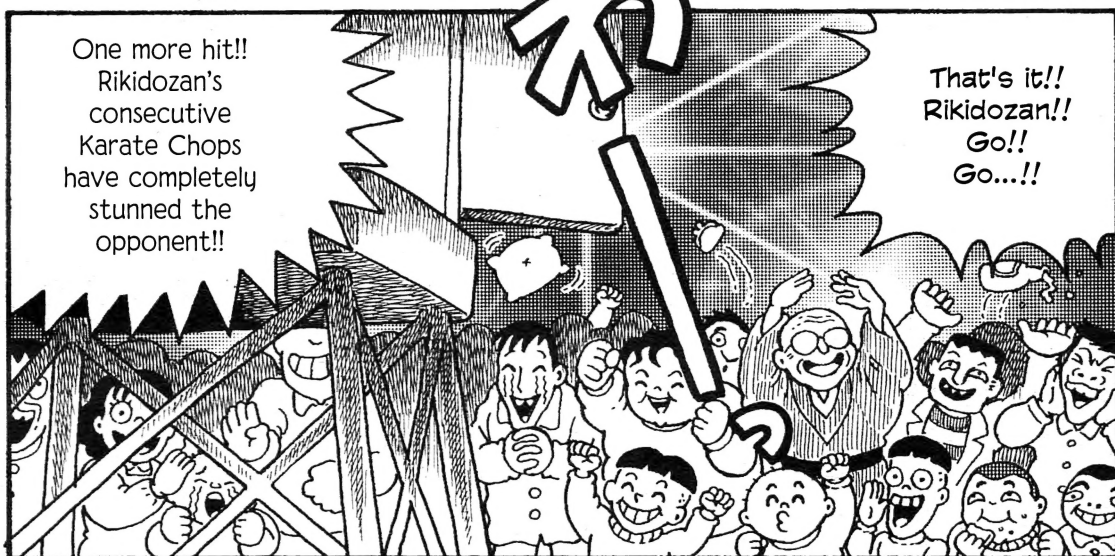
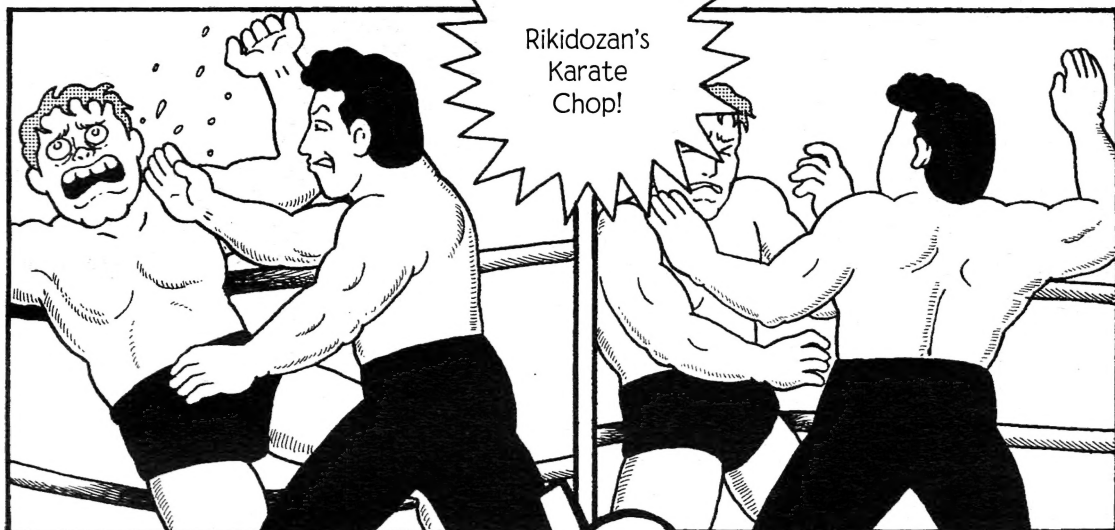
What
are you
doing,
Kimura?!



Now, it's
Rikidozan's
turn!!

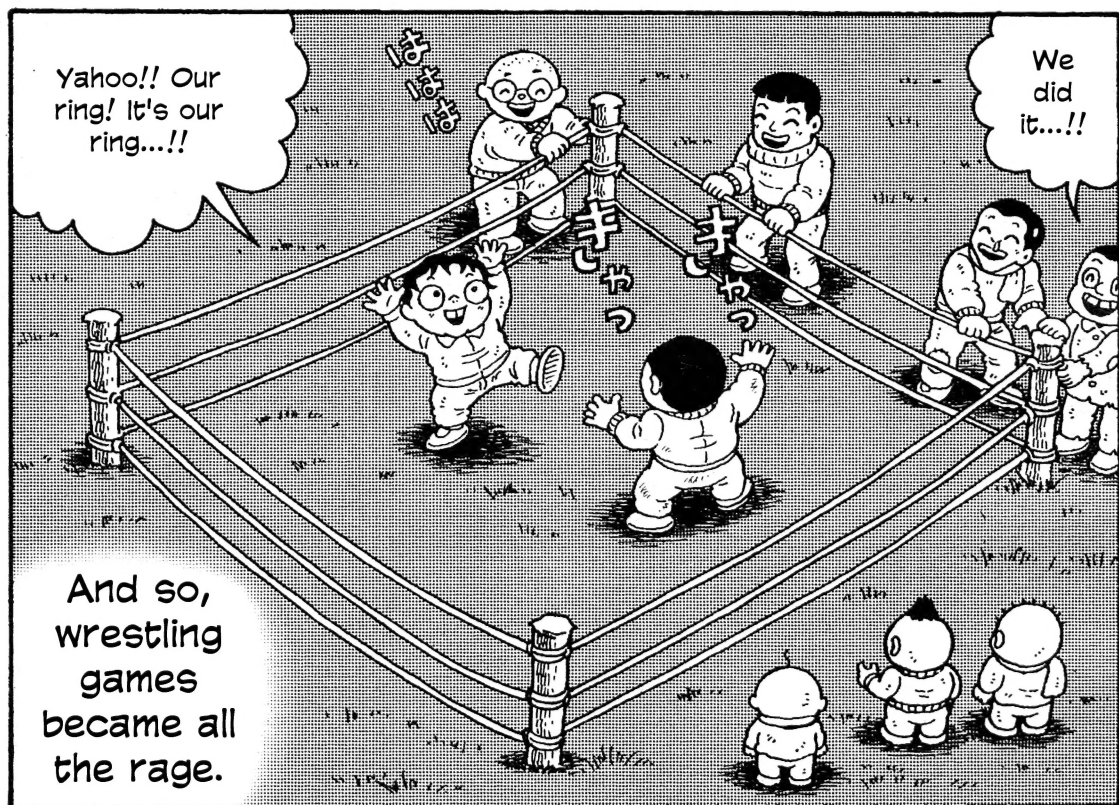
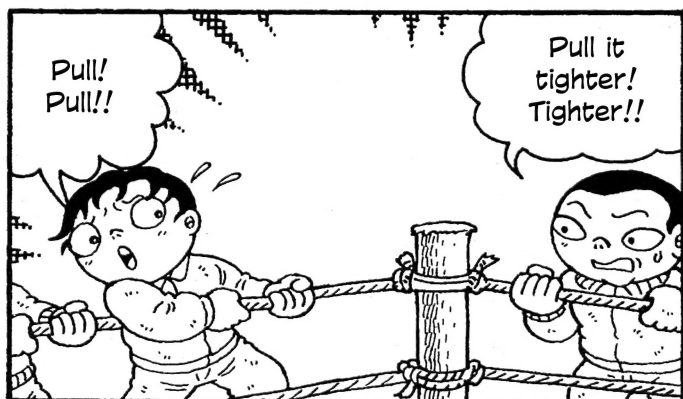
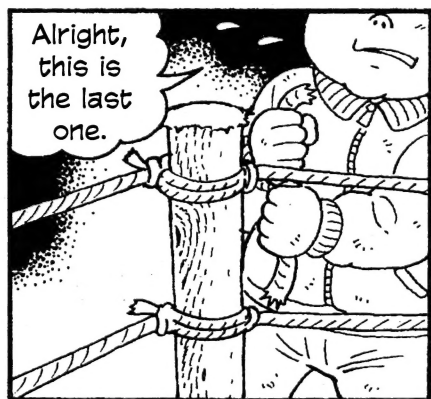


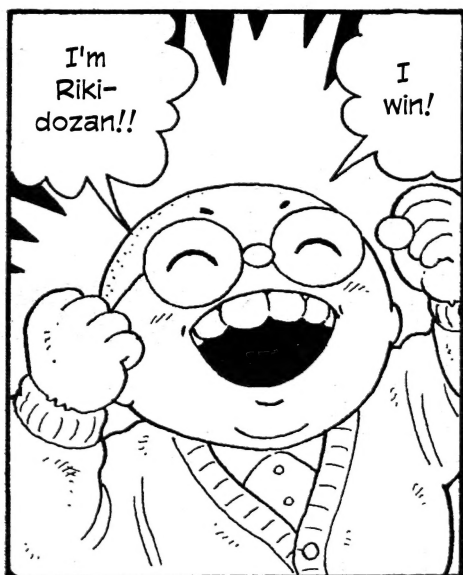
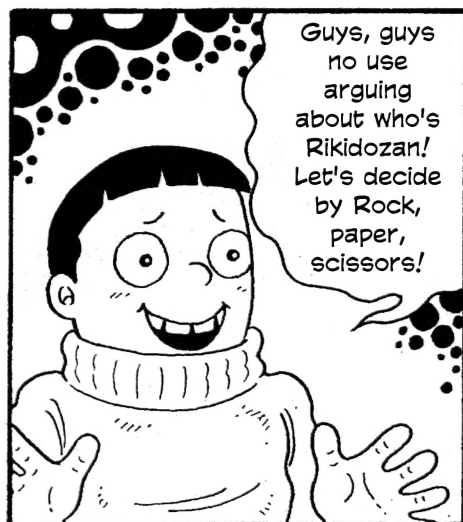
Kimura
tags in
Rikidozan!!



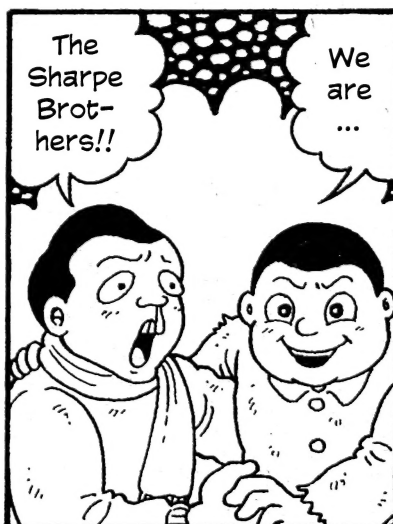
I was amazed watching Rikidozan and the power of his Karate Chops for the first time.

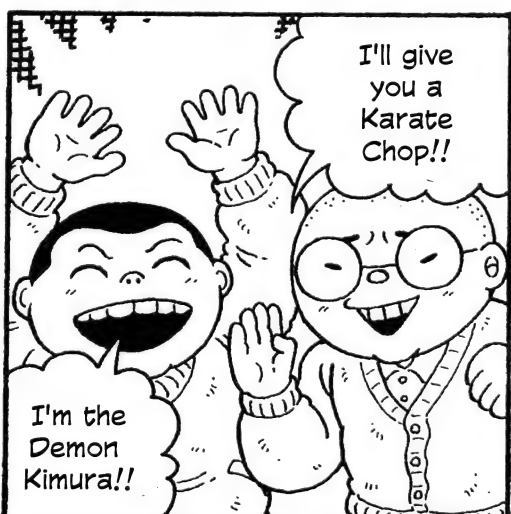
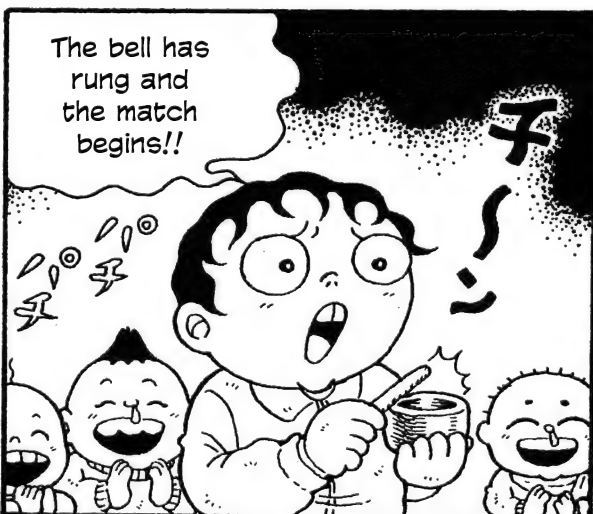
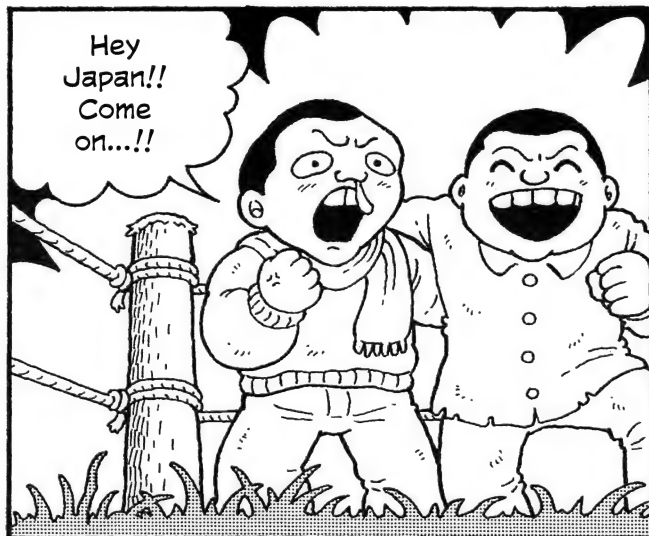


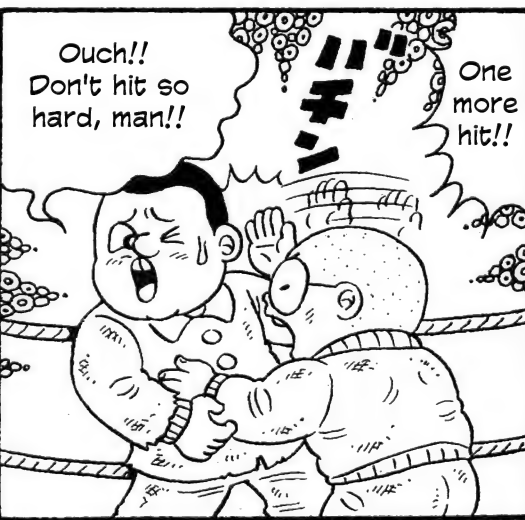
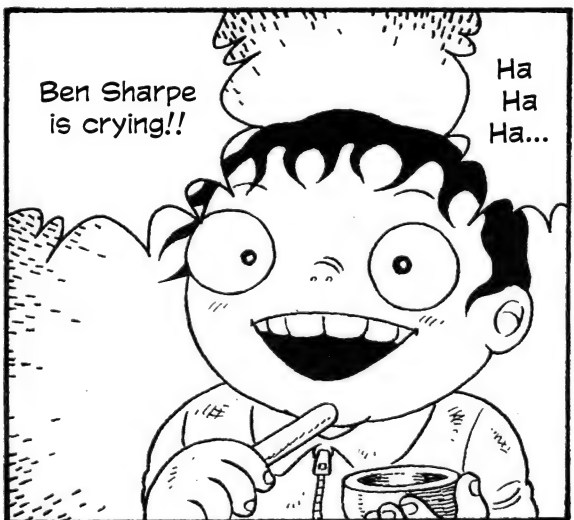
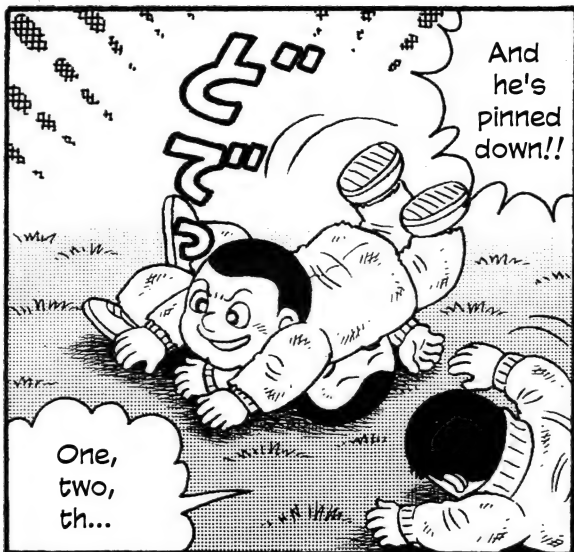


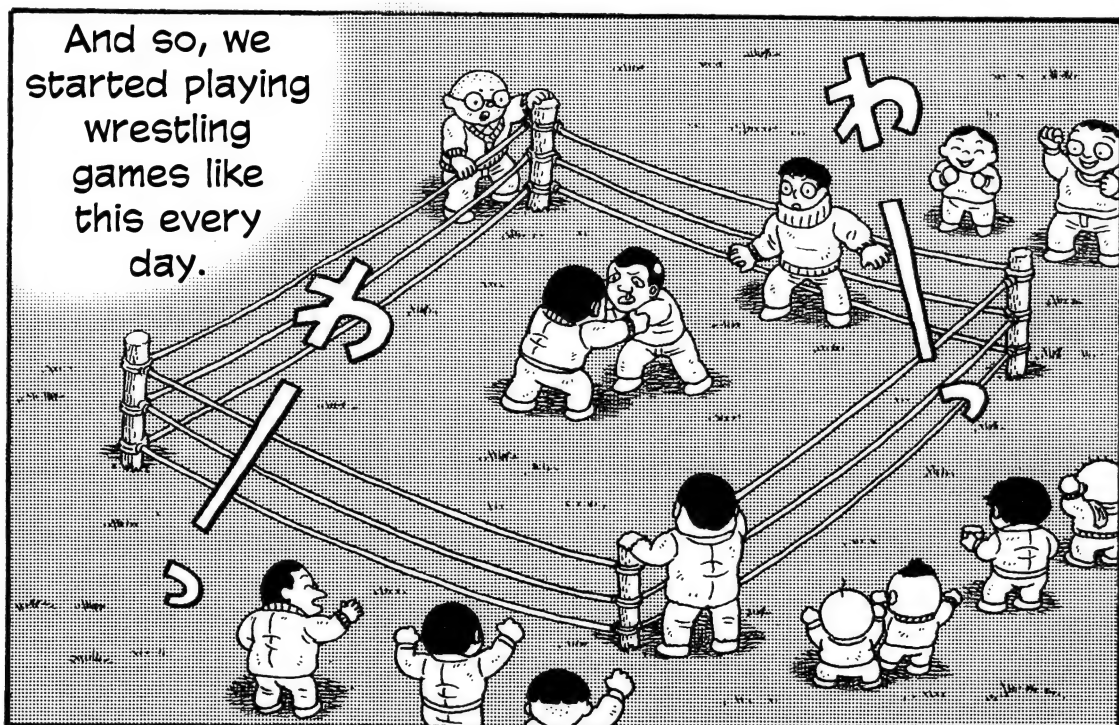
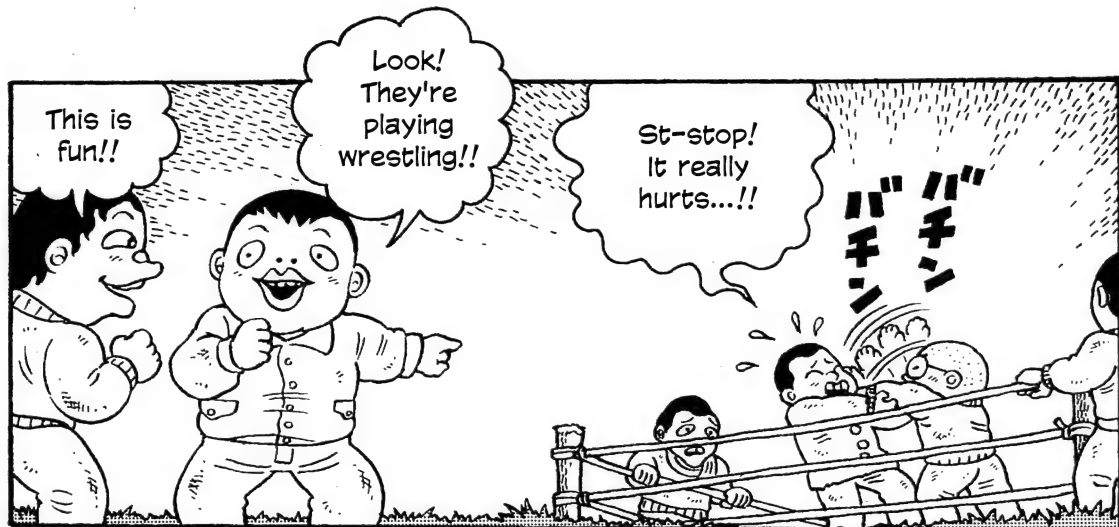


We decided
Rikidozan,
Kimura, The
Sharpe
Brothers and
the referee by
rock, paper,
scissors. I
lost most, so I
ended up being
the announcer.







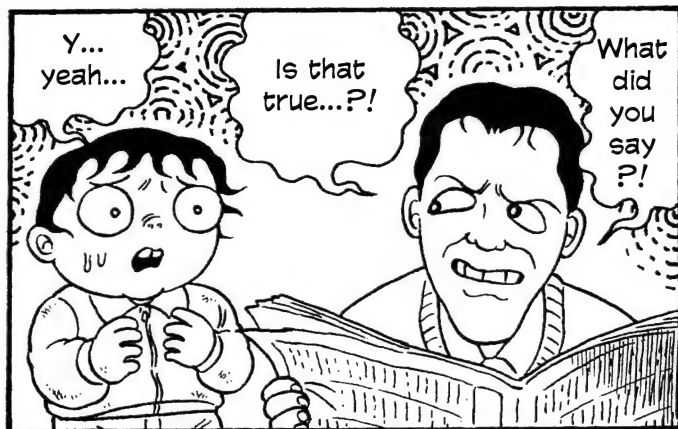


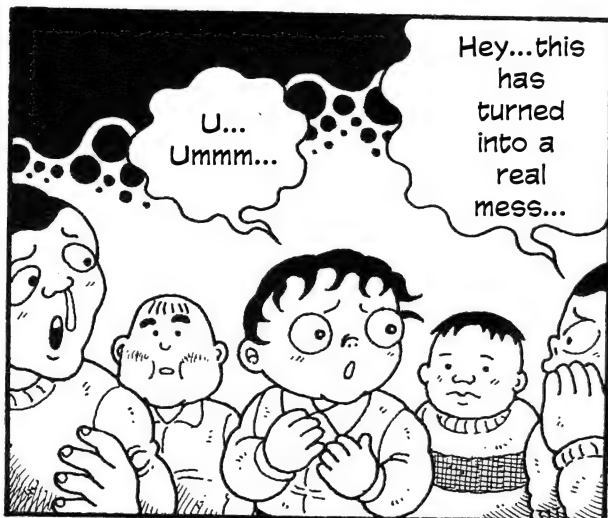
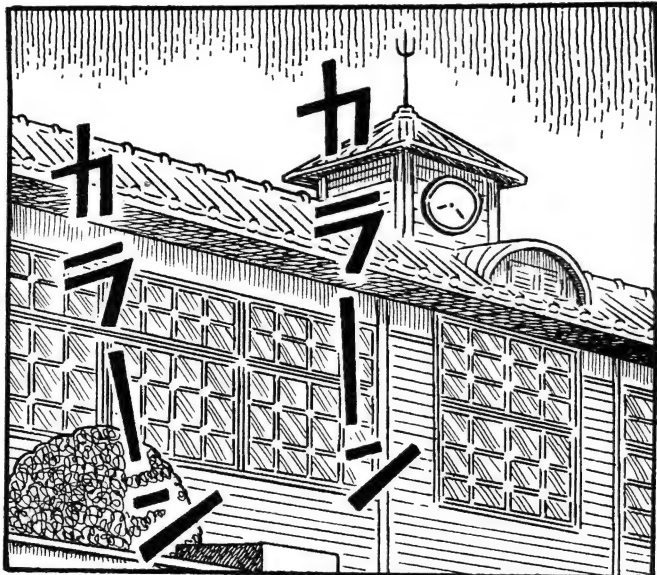
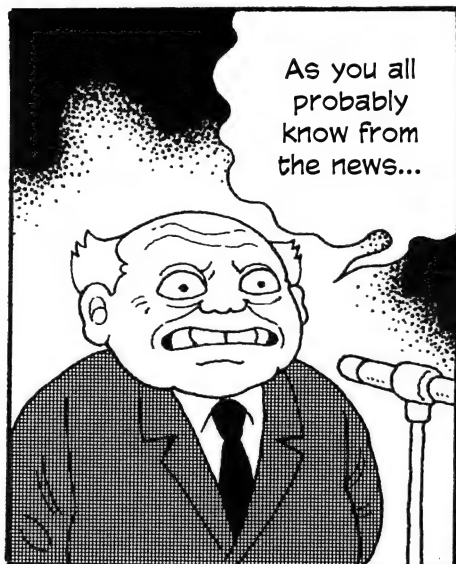


THE PRO WRESTLING ASSOCIATION URGES PEOPLE NOT TO IMITATE THE SPORT

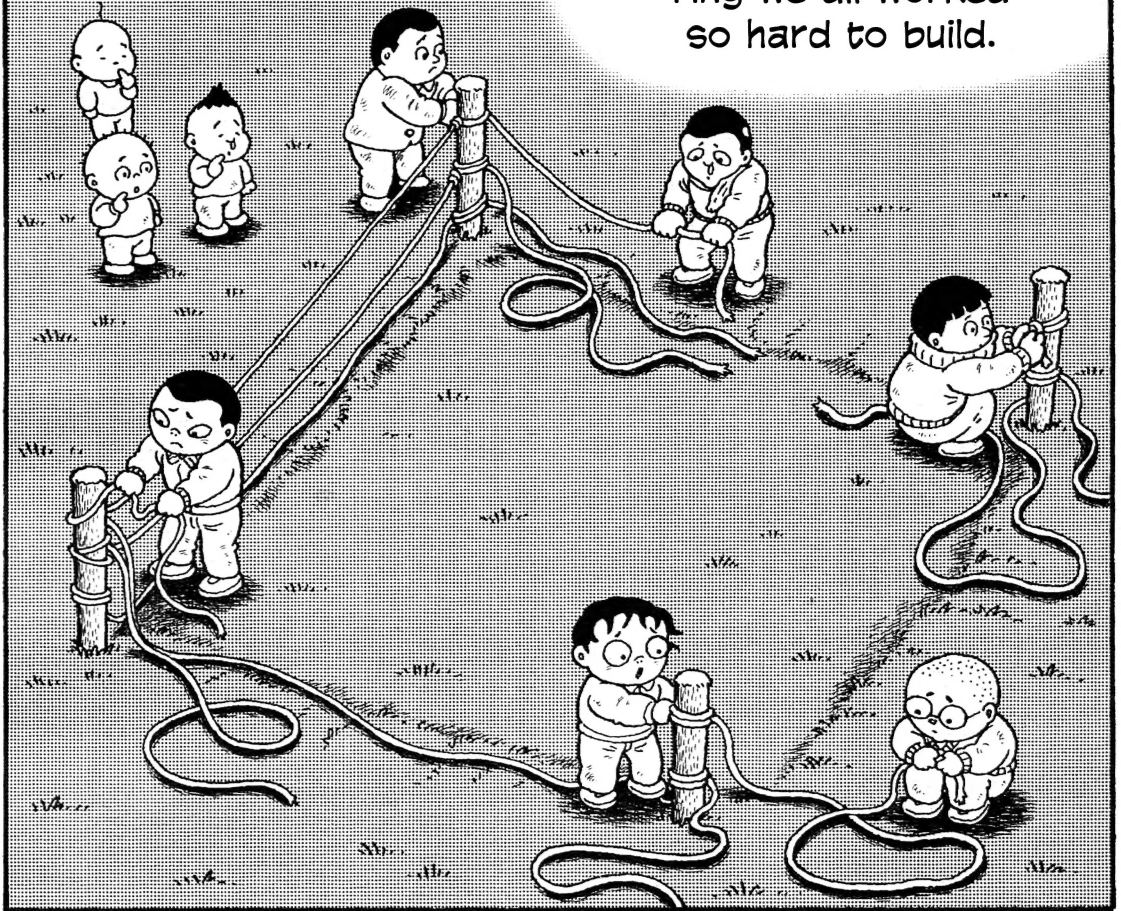
HIS NECK WAS BROKEN FROM A PILE-DRIVER MOVE

DEATH FROM PLAYING WRESTLING





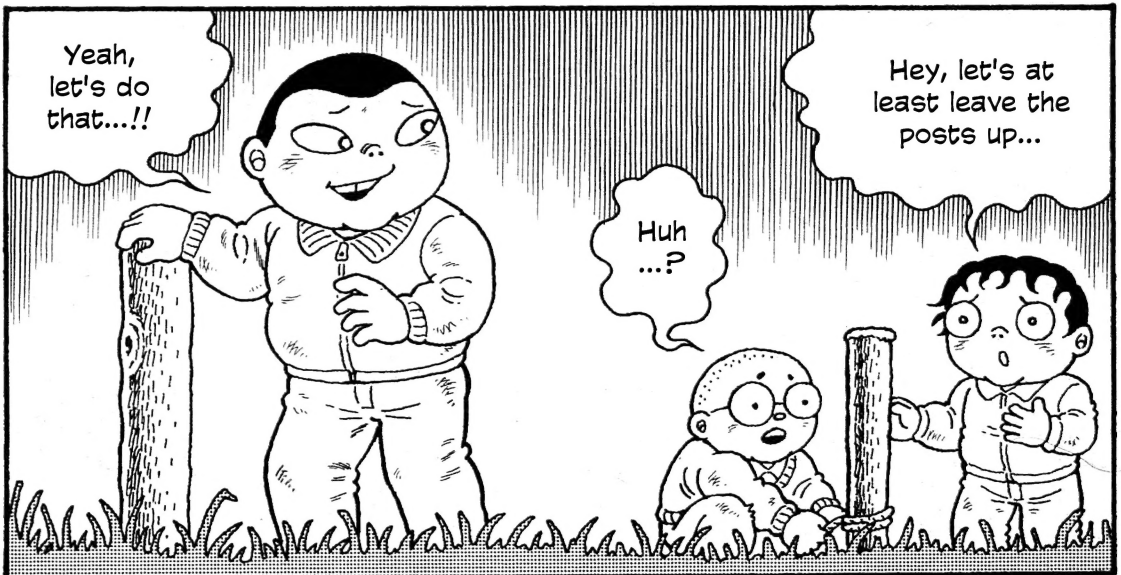
In the end, we
destroyed the
ring we all worked
so hard to build.

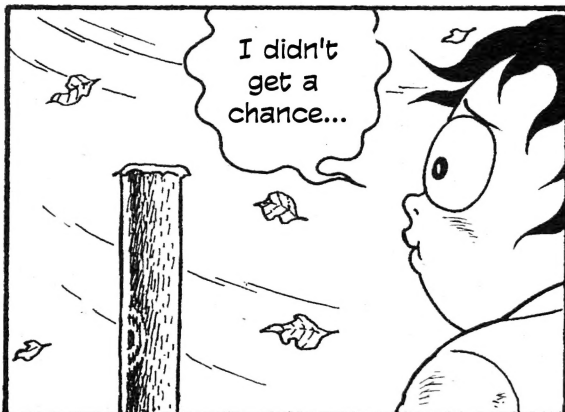
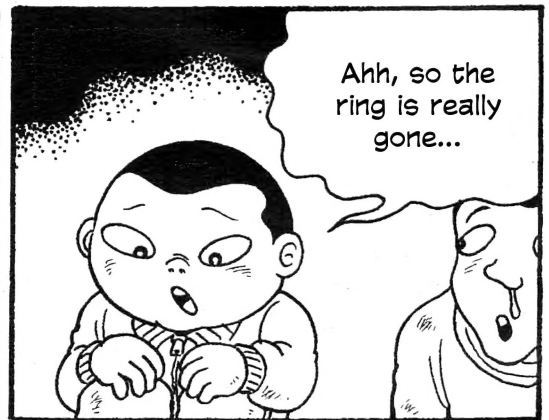
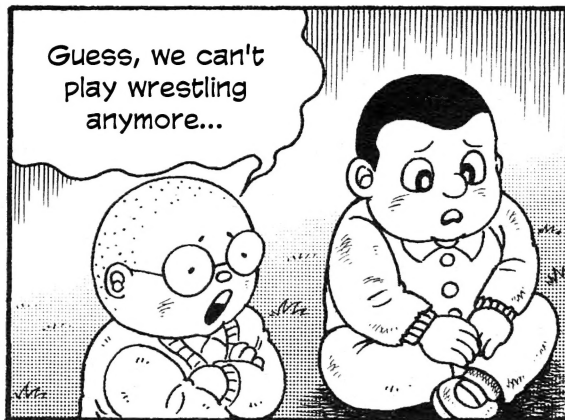
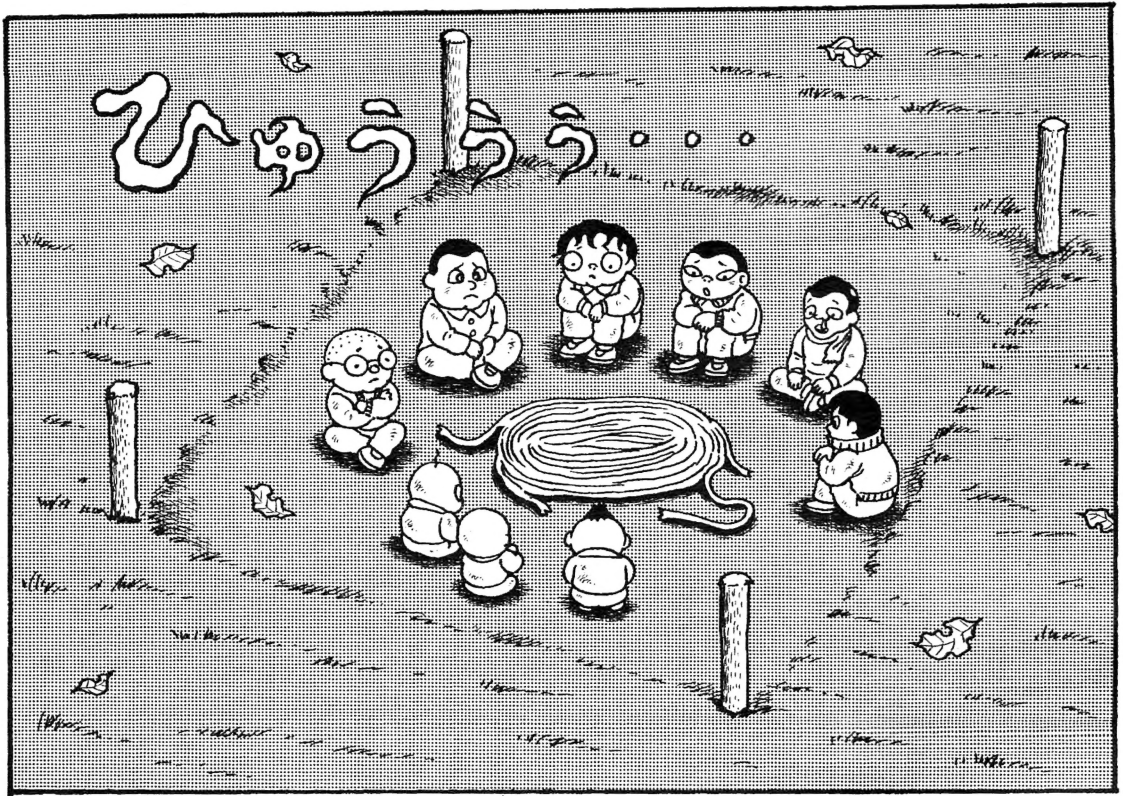


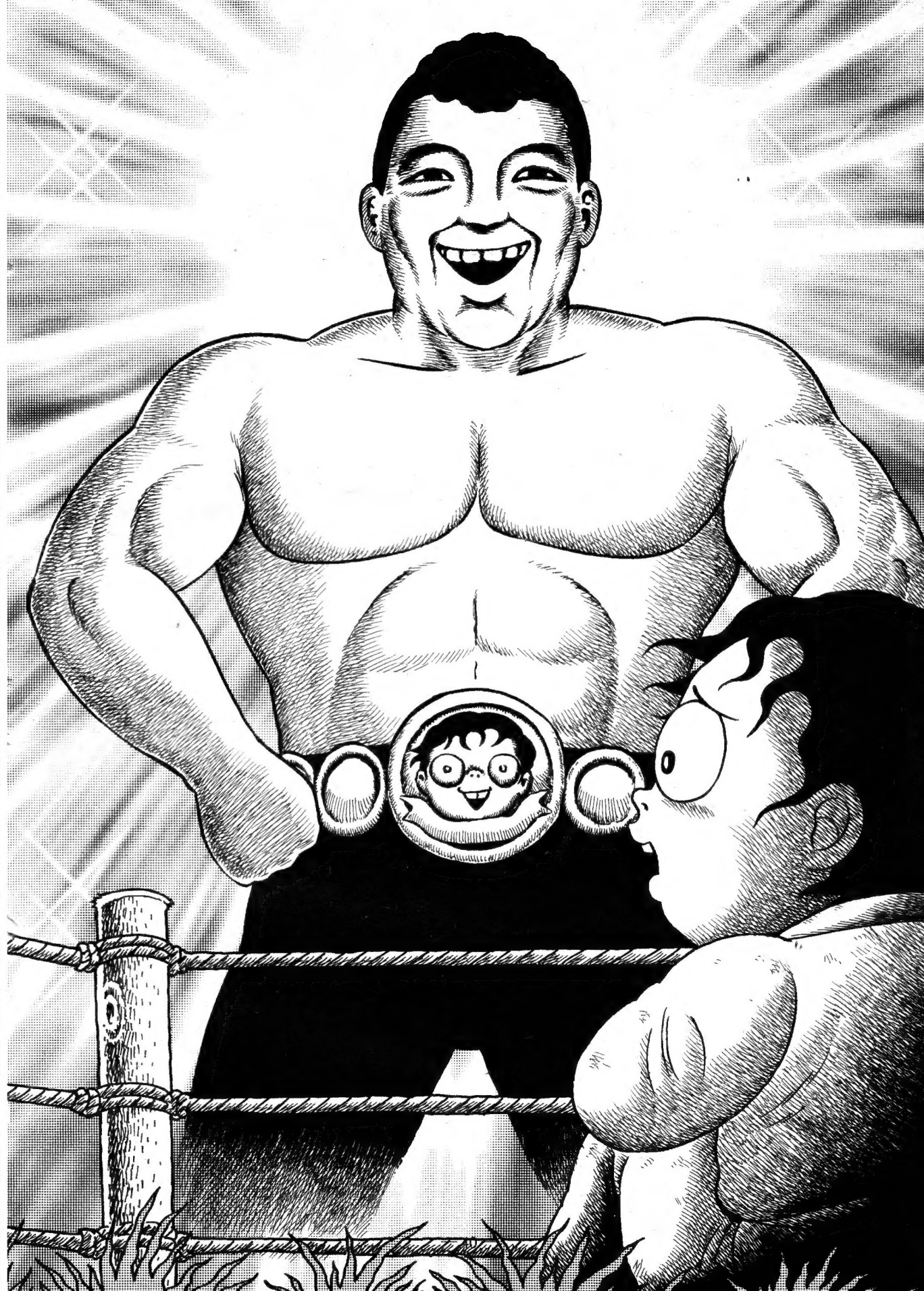
Yeah,
let's do
that....!!

Hey, let's at
least leave the
posts up...

Huh
...?





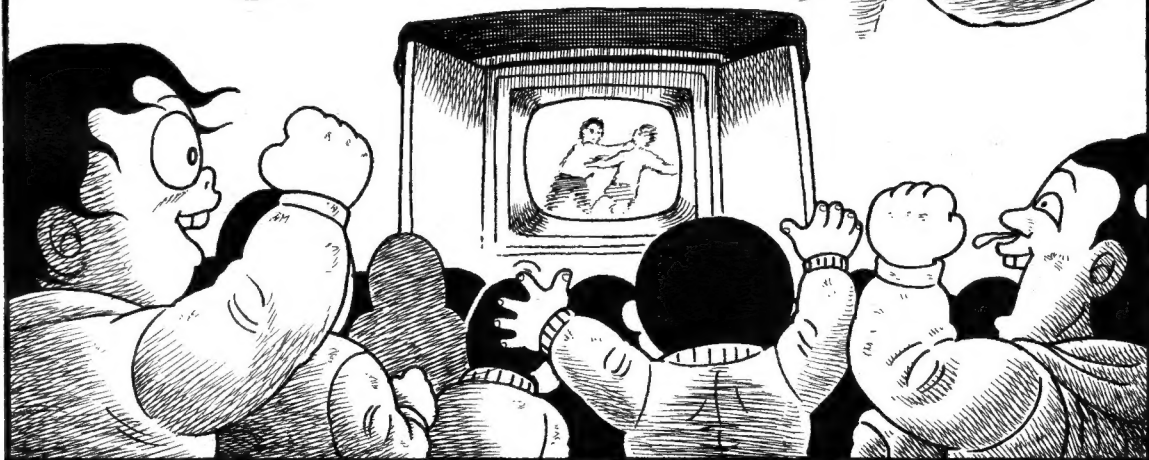


And just like
that our
wrestling games
passed by like
the wind.

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Rikidozan
was our
greatest
hero!!

But, on
the TV
Rikidozan
was a
sensa-
tion!



To Be Continued